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Mr. Nickle currently serves as the Executive Director, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Procurement) in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development and Acquisition). He is a senior subject matter expert for procurement policy and acquisition related business systems that support the operation of the Department of the Navy's worldwide, multi-billion dollar acquisition system. Mr. Nickle is a principle advisor to the Navy Acquisition Executive for all procurement matters and also serves as the Navy's Senior Services Manager.

Prior to joining the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Mr. Nickle served as the Director for Cost and Schedule Analysis at Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR), where he was the senior technical expert responsible for all aspects of cost estimating and cost/schedule related analysis for programs under the cognizance of NAVAIR and its affiliated Program Executive Offices (PEOs). As Cost Director, he was the Navy's lead technical authority/advisor on acquisition life cycle cost estimating and analysis. Mr. Nickle led a national workforce of approximately 400 engineers and operations research analysts across 5 major geographic sites.

From May 2010 to December 2019, Mr. Nickle served as the Director for Air ASW, Assault and Special Missions Programs Contracts Department, Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR). In this position, he served as the senior procurement executive for all contractual management, execution and planning of acquisition programs assigned to Program Executive Office, PEO (A). He led a department of 150 contracting professionals performing all business and procurement functions for multiple aircraft and acquisition programs totaling \$51B in domestic and \$24B in Foreign Military Sales (FMS).

Mr. Nickle was appointed to the Senior Executive Service in May 2010. He holds a Bachelor's of Science degree in Economics and Psychology. In addition, Mr. Nickle holds a Master's of Science in Contract and Acquisition Management. He is a graduate of the Naval Air Systems Command Senior Executive Management Development Program and has over 33 years of Federal Service.

Mr. Nickle received the Department of the Navy's Meritorious Civilian Service Medal in 2008 and was awarded two Navy Superior Civilian Service Medals in 2012 and 2019.